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ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECORDING
SECRETARY, 1904.

*To the President and Members of the Columbia Historical
Society:*

The Recording Secretary submits this, the *Eleventh Annual Report*, beginning with the 71st meeting, February 8, 1904, and ending with the 76th meeting on December 12th of the same year.

In the matter of membership we have had this year a unique experience; from 283 members in 1903, we have dropped to 278—having lost 3 by death, 9 by resignation and 2 from other causes, making a total loss of 14 as against 9 new members. Attention is called to this, merely to incite each member to bring in at least one new member during 1905, that the object so long cherished by the Society of having a room of its own may be an accomplished fact before the dawn of 1906.

The Society has held 6 meetings, all in the Banquet Hall of the Shoreham Hotel, the home of this organization since November 1, 1897. Six communications have been read and 20 persons have discussed the various subjects treated. The average attendance has been 55, the largest 95 at the February and the smallest 30 at the May meeting. The Board of Managers has held 8 meetings, at which the average attendance has been 10.

Volume 7 of The Records, published this year, contains 290 pages and 15 illustrations and fully sustains the enviable reputation heretofore gained by the publications of this Society.

During the year one of our members has begun for our library what bids fair to be a most interesting and valuable addition to the Report of the Chronicler. She clips from the leading Washington papers, items of local interest, many of them such as find no other publication than in the news-

papers but which are so valuable as supplying the necessary local coloring when any particular period is to be written up. These clippings she mounts on a thin, tough grade of manila paper, $7\frac{1}{4}$ by $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches in size, and from time to time deposits them with the Secretary. Being loose sheets, they can be readily arranged either alphabetically, or chronologically under arbitrary heads, as may hereafter be determined. The Secretary takes pleasure in recommending the scheme to any other member who has the time and inclination to add to what will be known as the Society's Newspaper Clippings.

MARY STEVENS BEALL,
Recording Secretary.

January 9, 1905.